

# SENATE BILL 927

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By: **Senators Hayes, Augustine, Muse, Watson, and Harris**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Related Event Promoter’s Permit**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a related event promoter’s permit in Baltimore City for  
4 the Kappa Alpha Psi 2027 Conclave; authorizing the Board of License  
5 Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a related event promoter’s permit to  
6 certain applicants under certain circumstances; requiring a holder of a State  
7 caterer’s license to obtain a certain Class C per diem license from the Board before  
8 the holder may act as a participating license holder at a related event; and generally  
9 relating to a related event promoter’s permit in Baltimore City.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
11 That:

12 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (2) “Board” means the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City.

14 (3) “Kappa Alpha Psi Conclave” means the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,  
15 Inc. 2027 Conclave and 88th grand chapter meeting for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

16 (4) “License holder” means the holder of an alcoholic beverages license  
17 issued by the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City.

18 (5) (i) “Related event” means an event related to the Kappa Alpha Psi  
19 Conclave in which:

20 1. a license holder participates in a coordinated promotion  
21 with a third-party promoter to sell or provide alcoholic beverages during a specified time;  
22 and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



2. at least 75 individuals are reasonably anticipated to participate.

(ii) “Related event” includes an event for which tickets are sold to the public, either in advance or at the door, or a cover charge is imposed, including a concert, an entertainment event, a happy hour, or a party.

(6) “Related event promoter” means an individual, a for-profit organization, or a nonprofit organization that promotes a related event.

(b) (1) A related event promoter or participating license holder on behalf of a related event promoter shall apply for a permit from the Board before the related event promoter may publicize, sell tickets for, organize, operate, produce, or stage a related event.

(2) A holder of a State caterer’s license shall obtain a Class C per diem beer, beer and wine, or beer, wine, and liquor license from the Board before the holder may act as a participating license holder at a related event.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Board may grant the permit to an applicant who submits an application to the Board as provided under Title 4 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article at least 30 days before the date of the related event.

(2) Before being granted the permit, an applicant shall:

(i) obtain written consent from a designee of Visit Baltimore;

(ii) if required based on the type of premises to be used:

1. obtain a special event permit from the Baltimore City Department of Transportation; and

2. provide a copy of the special event permit to the Board; and

(iii) provide a completed application that:

1. is dated and notarized, and signed by each license holder that will participate in the related event;

2. lists each premises for which the related event will be held; and

3. is accompanied by any other document that the Board requires.

1           (3)    An individual who applies for and is issued the permit is not required  
2 to be a resident of or registered to vote in Baltimore City.

3           (4)    Within 7 days after receiving an application, the Board shall grant or  
4 deny the permit or request more information from the applicant.

5           (5)    A permit may not be altered within 14 days before the  
6 related event is scheduled to take place.

7           (d)    The permit authorizes the related event promoter and participating license  
8 holder to conduct a related event.

9           (e)    The permit for the related event may be in effect for the time stated on the  
10 special event permit required under subsection (c)(2) of this section.

11          (f)    The Board may adopt regulations establishing requirements for:

12               (1)   conducting a related event, including health and safety standards to be  
13 met by the related event promoter and participating license holder; and

14               (2)   providing public notice of a related event at the premises of  
15 participating license holders by the related event promoter or participating license holders.

16          (g)    (1)   The application fee is \$50, payable on the submission of the application.

17               (2)   The permit fee, payable when the permit is granted, is:

18                       (i)   \$500, if the Baltimore City Fire Marshal has determined that the  
19 maximum capacity for the proposed location is less than 300 persons; or

20                       (ii)   \$1,500, if the Baltimore City Fire Marshal has determined that  
21 the maximum capacity for the proposed location is 300 or more persons.

22          (h)    For the offense of publicizing, selling tickets or imposing a cover charge for,  
23 organizing, operating, producing, facilitating, or staging a related event with the knowledge  
24 or a reason to know that a related event promoter's permit required under this section has  
25 not been obtained, the Board shall impose a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than  
26 \$3,000 or suspend the license or both.

27          (i)    For the offense by a holder of a State caterer's license of participating in a  
28 related event without first obtaining a Class C per diem beer, beer and wine, or beer, wine,  
29 and liquor license as required under this section, the Executive Director of the Alcohol,  
30 Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission shall impose a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more  
31 than \$3,000 or suspend the State caterer's license or both.

32          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
33 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of

1 December 31, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall  
2 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.